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SUBJECT:ACTION MEMORANDUM: VISIT OF NATIONAL COMMANDER OF
THE VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS (S/S 7613871)

FOR THE SECRETARY FROM PA WILLIAM D. BLAIR, ACTING

1. WE HAVE RECENTLY CREATED A SMALL DIVISION IN PA FOR THE
PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING MORE EFFECTIVE RELATIONSHIPS WITH
POWERFUL, NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS. BOB MCCLOSKEY HAS EN-
COURAGED US IN THIS DIRECTION, AND WE ARE COORDINATING
CLOSELY WITH H AS WE GO ALONG.

2. WE ARE SETTING UP A SERIES OF MEETINGS ON THE MORNING
OF JULY 8 FOR R. D. SMITH, THE NATIONAL COMMANDER-ELECT OF
THE VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS. HE HAS EXPRESSED AN INTEREST
IN BRIEFING- "N THE PANAMA CANAL, US-SOVIET RELATIONSHIPS
(INCLUDING SALT), AND THE MIDDLE EAST. ART HARTMAN, ROY
ATHERTON AND A MEMBER OF AMBASSADOR BUNKER'S STAFF WILL DO
THE BRIEFINGS.

3. WHILE SMITH HAS NOT ASKED TO SEE YOU, WE THINK IT WOULD
BE A USEFUL DIVIDEND -- YOUR SCHEDULE PERMITTING -- IF YOU
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WOULD TAKE 10-15 MINUTES TO MEET INFORMALLY WITH HIM. THE

VFW CARRIES A LOT OF WEIGHT, AND THE NATIONAL COMMANDER IS

A MAN OF SOME INFLUENCE WITHIN THE ORGANIZATION. I MIGHT
NOTE THAT HE IS COMING INTO THE DEPARTMENT IN ADVANCE OF
THE VFW'S ANNUAL CONVENTION IN AUGUST.

4. RECOMMENDATION: THAT YOU AGREE TO SPEND 10-15 MINUTES
WITH SMITH AT A TIME CONVENIENT TO YOU BETWEEN 9:30 AND
12:30, JULY 8.

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